

Article 15. – CHILD CARE FACILITIES

22-15-7 Juvenile detention centers. (a) "Juvenile detention center" means a facility where juveniles below 18 years of age are housed in incarcerated conditions, with or without locked exit doors and with or without locked security room doors.

(b) Juvenile detention centers one story in height shall be constructed of one-hour protected noncombustible construction or two-hour fire resistive construction. Juvenile detention centers two stories or more in height shall be constructed of at least two-hour fire resistive construction. In existing facilities now in operation and not conforming to new construction standards, a waiver of construction standards may be granted by the state fire marshal, if the state fire marshal believes that reasonable life safety from fire is attained.

(c) At least two approved exits shall be provided from each floor. The exits shall be doors leading directly outside at ground level, or enclosed stairs leading directly to the outside. In existing facilities, an outside fire escape constructed according to the standards of the uniform building code or national fire protection association, may be used as one exit if it is not possible to provide two enclosed stairs to the outside. Exits shall be remote from each other with no dead end corridors in new construction. Dead end corridors in existing facilities shall be allowed only with the approval of the state fire marshal.

(d) Exit stairs shall be enclosed with one-hour rated construction with at least one-hour B label doors at each floor opening in two-story facilities. Exit stairs shall be enclosed with two-hour rated construction with one and one-half-hour B label doors at each floor opening in facilities of three or more stories. Stairs not required as exits shall be of the same construction as exit stairs except that, when connecting no more than two floors, a single one-hour B label door is acceptable at either the top or bottom of stairs to prevent spread of fire or smoke from one floor to the other. All stairway doors shall be self closing.

(e) Hazardous areas shall be enclosed with at least one-hour construction, with doors appropriate to the degree of hazard, but not less than 13/4 inch thick solid wood core. Hazardous areas include boiler or furnace rooms, laundry and soiled linen rooms, and major combustible storage rooms.

(f) All sleeping or security rooms shall be equipped with 13/4 inch solid wood core doors or an equivalent metal door. Doors may have no more than 100 square inches of vision panel glazed with wired glass in steel frame. Open screening or bars in corridor walls or doors are not permitted.

(g) Facilities for 11 or more persons shall have approved manual pull fire alarm systems.

(h) Rooms with locked doors shall not be located on a dead end corridor.

(i) Locks: (1) When electric locks are used, they shall be the type that can be unlocked at any time by the use of a key.

(2) When doors are lockable, the staff on duty shall carry a key at all times, and all doors within the same building shall be keyed to a common key.

(3) All locks on sleeping room or security room doors shall be the deadbolt type.

(j) Electrical: (1) In each new facility, wiring shall meet the national electric code, 1990 edition. Wiring shall not be exposed except in conduit, and all wiring shall be in safe condition and properly fused. Extension cords shall not be used.

(2) Corridors and exit stairs shall be lighted at all times at one foot candle power at floor level. Emergency lighting shall be provided at each facility in the event of power failure and shall be installed in compliance with the national electric code, 1990 edition.

(3) Exits shall be identified by either internally illuminated exit signs or, when automatic emergency lighting is provided, by internally or externally illuminated signs. At all times, five foot candle power illumination shall be on the face of the sign.

(k) There shall be at least one staff member, with a key, on duty at all times and awake on each occupied floor.

(1) Interior finish shall be class A, 0-25 flame spread, material. Drapes and curtains shall be flame retardant. Carpet shall be certified tested by ASTM-E-84 test and be rated 75 or below in flame spread, smoke density and fuel contribution. Carpet pad shall not be foam type. Mattresses and pillows shall not be foam filled. Furniture shall not be foam filled except in sitting areas completely separated from sleeping areas.

(m) An operational fireplace shall be: (1) properly constructed and vented with lined chimney;

(2) equipped with spark screen; and

(3) supervised at all times when in use.

(n) Flammable liquids or gasoline powered equipment shall not be stored within the building. When stored on the grounds in a separate building, the building shall be locked when not in use.

(o) Smoking areas shall be posted and provided with ash trays. Each waste container in or near smoking areas shall be noncombustible and self closing.

(p) A fire extinguisher shall be provided on each floor within 75 feet travel distance. Each extinguisher shall be ABC type with at least 2A rating.

(q) A fire evacuation plan shall be provided for each staff member. Fire training drills shall be conducted at least quarterly for staff members.

(r) An existing building, housing detention occupancies, established prior to the effective date of this code, may have its use continued if it conforms or is made to conform to the provisions of this code, or if in the opinion of the authority having jurisdiction, reasonable life safety against the hazards of fire, explosion and panic is provided and maintained. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1989 Supp. 31-133; effective May 1, 1979; amended May 1, 1986; amended Sept. 17, 1990.)